

REMARKS

In view of the herein contained remarks and the requested entry of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 amendment filed March 29, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action, together with an indication of the allowability of all of the claims pending in the present application.

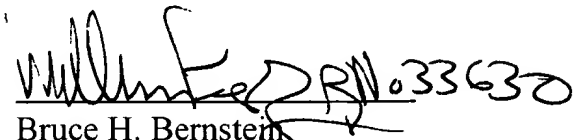
Applicants wish to direct the Examiner's attention to, inter alia, page 38, lines 14-24 that provide support for the address information of the area where the root directory file ICB is recorded and page 44, lines 14-19, that describe the associated recording process in step 701. These portions of the specification provide a more detailed explanation and support for the amendments of claims 1, 6, 11, 16, and 21, and claims 3, 8, 13, 18, and 23 in the 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 amendment filed March 29, 2004.

Applicants further wish to direct the Examiner's attention to, inter alia, page 31, lines 15-18 of the specification that describe the address information for the file set information area 108. Additionally, page 44, lines 20-25 describe the associated process step S702. These portions of the specification provide a more detailed explanation and support for the amendments to claims 5, 10, 15, 25, and 27 in the 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 amendment filed March 29, 2004.

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Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Reply or the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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